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	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Total claims</u>
Claims now pending	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>
Less: Highest number of claims previously paid for	<b><u>7</u></b>	<b><u>26</u></b>
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Fee for newly added multiple dependent claims	<b>\$ -00-</b>	
Reduction in claim fee due to small entity	<b>- <u>\$ -00-</u></b>	
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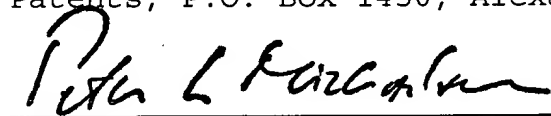


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 05242005) and the accompanying request for continued examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.